Graduates in Government Service from the Devadass community.

312. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of graduates from the Devadass community in the Government service;

(2) the number of applicants from the graduate members of that community?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— The information so far collected is given below:—

(1) None.

(2) 8.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government include this community among the unrepresented communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is an unrepresented community.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know why in spite of eight applications no one was given a place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a different question. Probably there were no vacancies when they applied.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to consider their case when vacancies arise?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Stay of Heads of Departments outside the State.

313. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of the Heads of Departments in service who were given permission to stay outside the State without taking leave in 1109;

(b) the period of the stay of each;

(c) did any one stay outside the State without leave and permission of the Diwan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a) & (b) Names of officers.	Period of stay.
1. Mr. Thomas Manjuran, Government Advocate	two months
2. Mr. C. J. Mathew, Legislative Council Secretary	two weeks
3. Mr. P. V. Raphael, Registrar of Village Panchayats	one night
4. Mr. I. N. Menon, Director of Public Instruction	one month and 29 days.

(c) No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this an exhaustive list?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the Director of Public Health come under the category of Heads of Departments? Or is he exempted to stay outside the State without the permission of the Diwan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He is the head of the department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do not heads of departments submit diaries to the Government when they go outside the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They submit monthly diaries whether they go outside the State or not.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did not the Director of Public Health stay outside the State during this year?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Why were these gentlemen allowed to stay outside the State when they were actually serving the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They requested that they may be allowed to stay outside for some particular reason or other and it was allowed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did it not entail additional expenditure to the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Had they not spent anything by way of spending tapals etc.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A few annas might have been spent by way of stamps but I do not think it to be an additional expenditure.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does it not cause inconvenience to the public?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is only in cases where there will be no inconvenience to the public that such requests are sanctioned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the heads of departments to take leave when they stay outside the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. They have to take sanction to leave the State.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a new innovation that heads of departments are allowed to stay outside during this hot season?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a new innovation. It used to be sanctioned even in olden days.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not prejudicial to the public interest?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is only where public interest is not suffered that sanction is given. They have to apply and get sanction on each occasion.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—Can any of them leave the State without the previous sanction of the Government? How long can one stay outside the State without obtaining sanction?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they have to take sanction even if it be for one night.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government think that no inconvenience will be caused to the public by allowing the Director of Public Instruction to live outside the State for such a long period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was when all the schools were closed and so Government thought that they can allow it without causing any inconvenience to the public.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Am I to understand that there is no work done during that period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is work to be done; but he can as well attend to it when he is there.

314. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of officers who applied for permission to stay outside the State in 1108;

(b) were any refused;

(c) if so, who were they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (i) Mr. P. J. George, District Magistrate.

(ii) Mr. P. V. Raphael, Registrar of Village Panchayats.

(iii) Mr. I. N Menon, Director of Public Instruction.

(iv) Mr. M. P. Cherian, Excise Commissioner.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (b).

Scheme for improvements of certain roads in the Mattancheri Municipality.

315. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chairman of the Mattancheri Municipality has submitted to the Government a scheme for the improvement of certain roads, canals, etc.; if so, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of the same together with their estimate of cost;

(b) whether the Chairman has suggested the grant of a loan from the Government for carrying out the above improvements and the method suggested in repaying the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. A copy of the Chairman's report is appended. (*Appendix I*).

(b) Yes. Please see the Chairman's report appended.

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